

# Package ‘BreakPoints’

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**Description** Compute Buishand Range Test, Pettit Test, SNHT, Student t-test, and Mann-Whitney Rank Test, to identify breakpoints in series. For all functions NA is allowed. Since all of the mention methods identify only one breakpoint in a series, a general function to look for N breakpoint is given. Also, the Yamamoto test for climate jump is available. Alexandersson, H. (1986) <doi:10.1002/joc.3370060607>, Buishand, T. (1982) <doi:10.1016/0022-1694(82)90066-X>, Hurtado, S. I., Zaninelli, P. G., & Agosta, E. A. (2020) <doi:10.1016/j.atmosres.2020.104955>, Mann, H. B., Whitney, D. R. (1947) <doi:10.1214/aoms/1177730491>, Pettitt, A. N. (1979) <doi:10.2307/2346729>, Ruxton, G. D., jul (2006) <doi:10.1093/beheco/ark016>, Yamamoto, R., Iwashima, T., Kazadi, S. N., & Hoshiai, M. (1985) <doi:10.2151/jmsj1965.63.6\_1157>.

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**Description**

Look for several breakpoints

**Usage**

```
N_break_point(serie, n_max = 1, n_period=10,
              seed=FALSE, auto_select = FALSE,
              alpha = NULL, method='SNHT', dstr='norm',
              seed_set = 9658, change_random_seed = TRUE,
              seed_method = 6842)
```

**Arguments**

<i>serie</i>	numeric vector where the breakpoint is looked for
<i>n_max</i>	integer up to how many breakpoint should be test
<i>n_period</i>	an integer specifying the minimal length of a complete period to consider
<i>seed</i>	if FALSE (default) the first breakpoints to inicialize the iteration are calculated by splitting the serie in equal separated parts. If seed is given must be a list() of length <i>n_max</i> where it is specified the first breakpoints to take for each iteration.
<i>method</i>	which method should be used for breakpoint detection, supported: 'student', 'mann-whitney', 'SNHT' (default), 'buishand' and 'pettit'
<i>dstr</i>	character specifying which distribution should be used for test simulations, only used if method is SNHT or buishand. Possible distributions 'norm' (default, normal dist), 'gamma', and 'self' (bootstrap)
<i>auto_select</i>	logical, should an automatic selection of how many breakpoints are be made, default FALSE
<i>alpha</i>	numeric, critical p value to use for auto_select
<i>seed_set</i>	Either a number to used to set a seed or NULL to set no seed inside the function
<i>change_random_seed</i>	Logical, can the .Random.seed change inside the function, or must remain the same after applying the function
<i>seed_method</i>	Either a number to used to set seed inside SNHT or buishand methods or NULL to set no seed

**Details**

Compute homogeneity test for all possible breaks in the serie considering several breakpoints. NA values are allow. In order to guarantee same result for the same input *seed\_set* and *seed\_method* (if method in SNHT or buishand) must be given.

**Value**

`N_break_point` returns a list with the breakpoints index, it's p value and how many breakpoints are. If `auto_select = F`, a list with one list as specify for each n breakpoint tried

**breaks** index where the breakpoints are found

**p.value** p value of the test

**n** how many breakpoints are looked for

**References**

Hurtado, S. I., Zaninelli, P. G., & Agosta, E. A. (2020). A multi-breakpoint methodology to detect changes in climatic time series. An application to wet season precipitation in subtropical Argentina. *Atmospheric Research*, 104955.

**Examples**

```
# Make a serie with three jumps, same as yamamoto example
set.seed(524)
x <- c(rnorm(30,1,1),rnorm(30,2,1),rnorm(30,1,1),rnorm(20,2,1))

# Look up to 5 breaks using pettit
break_prosition <- N_break_point(serie=x, n_max = 5, method='pettit',
                                auto_select=TRUE,alpha=0.1)

plot(x)
abline(v = break_prosition$breaks, col='red')
```

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 SNHT

*Buishand Range Test and Standard Normal Homogeneity Test*


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**Description**

Compute Buishand Range Test or Standard Normal Homogeneity Test for a serie, NAs allow in both Test

**Usage**

```
SNHT(serie,n_period=10,dstr='norm',simulations = 1000,
      seed_set = 9658, change_random_seed = TRUE)
```

```
Buishand_R(serie,n_period=10,dstr='norm',simulations = 1000,
            seed_set = 9658, change_random_seed = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>serie</code>	numeric vector where the breakpoint is looked for
<code>n_period</code>	an integer specifying the minimal length of a complete period to consider
<code>dstr</code>	character specifying which distribution should be used for test simulations, 'norm' (default; normal distribution), 'gamma', and 'self' (will compute bootstrap)
<code>simulations</code>	an integer specifying how many Monte Carlo simulations to perform, default is 1000.
<code>seed_set</code>	Either a number to used to set a seed or NULL to set no seed inside the function
<code>change_random_seed</code>	Logical, can the <code>.Random.seed</code> change inside the function, or must remain the same after applying the function

**Details**

SNHT compute Standard Normal Homogeneity Test where NA values are allow. In order to guarantee same result for the same input `seed_set` must be given.

Buishand\_R Compute Buishand Range Test for Homogeneity where NA values are allow. In order to guarantee same result for the same input `seed_set` must be given.

**Value**

SNHT and Buishand\_R returns a list with the breakpoint index and it's p value

**breaks** index where the breakpoint is found

**p.value** p value of the test

**References**

- Alexandersson, H., jan 1986. A homogeneity test applied to precipitation data. Journal of Climatology 6 (6), 661–675. URL <http://doi.wiley.com/10.1002/joc.3370060607>

- Buishand, T., aug 1982. Some methods for testing the homogeneity of rainfall records. Journal of Hydrology 58 (1-2), 11–27. URL [https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-1694\(82\)90066-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-1694(82)90066-X)

**Examples**

```
# Make a serie with one breakpoint
x <- c(rnorm(60,1,1),rnorm(40,2,1))

# Look for break using SNHT, Buishand_R can be used in exactly the same way
break_prosition <- SNHT(serie = x)

plot(x)
abline(v = break_prosition$breaks)
```

Student

*Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon Test, Student t-test and Pettit Test***Description**

Compute Rolling Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon Test, Rolling Student t-test and Pettit test for homogeneity, NAs allow.

**Usage**

```
stu(serie,n_period=10)
```

```
man.whi(serie,n_period=10)
```

```
pettit(serie,n_period=10)
```

**Arguments**

**serie** numeric vector where the breakpoint is looked for

**n\_period** an integer specifying the minimal length of a complete period to consider

**Details**

`man.whi` compute Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon Test and `stu` the Student t-test for all possible breaks in the serie and get the most significant break. In both test NA values are allow.

`pettit` Compute the Pettit Test for Homogeneity. NA values are allow.

**Value**

`pettit`, `man.whi` and `stu` returns a list with the breakpoint index and its p value

**breaks** index where the breakpoint is found

**p.value** p value of the test

**References**

- Ruxton, G. D., jul 2006. The unequal variance t-test is an underused alternative to Student's t-test and the Mann-Whitney U test. *Behavioral Ecology* 17 (4), 688–690. URL: <http://academic.oup.com/beheco/article/17/4/688/unequal-variance-ttest-is-an-underused>

- Mann, H. B., Whitney, D. R., mar 1947. On a Test of Whether one of Two Random Variables is Stochastically Larger than the Other. *The Annals of Mathematical Statistics* 18 (1), 50–60. URL <http://projecteuclid.org/euclid.aoms/1177730491>

- Pettitt, A. N., 1979. A Non-Parametric Approach to the Change-Point Problem. *Applied Statistics* 28 (2), 126. URL <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2307/2346729?origin=crossref>

**Examples**

```
# Make a serie with one breakpoint
x <- c(rnorm(60,1,1),rnorm(40,2,1))

# Look for break using pettit(), man.whi() and stu()
break_prosition_pettit <- pettit(serie = x)
break_prosition_man.whi <- man.whi(serie = x)
break_prosition_stu <- stu(serie = x)

plot(x)
abline(v = break_prosition_pettit$breaks,col='red')
abline(v = break_prosition_man.whi$breaks,col='blue')
abline(v = break_prosition_stu$breaks,col= 'green')
```

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yamamoto

*Yamamoto*


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**Description**

Compute Yamamoto Test for climate jumps in a serie.

**Usage**

```
yamamoto(serie, alpha = 0.1, n_period = 10)
```

**Arguments**

<code>serie</code>	numeric vector where the breakpoint is looked for
<code>n_period</code>	an integer specifying the length of the window to use, can not bet odd
<code>alpha</code>	numeric, p value to use

**Details**

yamamoto compute the Yamamoto Test.

**Value**

yamamoto returns a list with the breakpoints indexes and the amount

**breaks** vector of indexes where the breakpoint is found

**n** Amount of breakpoints

**References**

Yamamoto, R., Iwashima, T., Kazadi, S. N., & Hoshiai, M. (1985). Climatic jump: a hypothesis in climate diagnosis. *Journal of the Meteorological Society of Japan. Ser. II*, 63(6), 1157-1160.

### Examples

```
# Make a serie with three jumps, same as N_break_point example
set.seed(524)
x <- c(rnorm(30,1,1),rnorm(30,2,1),rnorm(30,1,1),rnorm(20,2,1))

# Look for break using yamamoto()
break_prosition <- yamamoto(serie = x)

plot(x)
abline(v = break_prosition$breaks, col='red')
```

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